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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Compilation of Testimony for Presentation Before
the House Committee on S. 1035.

1. On Friday, 16 February 1968 Mr. Bannerman convened a meeting at which Messrs. Warner, [redacted] were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the basic format and the material that should be gathered for possible use by Mr. Helms before the House Committee when the Agency seeks a full exemption from S. 1035.

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2. It was agreed that a tentative format might be:

- a. Statement of the problem (threat).
- b. The Agency security system developed to counteract or obviate the threat.
- c. Protection measures for handling of sensitive information concerning applicants and employees that we have built into our overall security-personnel-medical procedures.
- d. A section by section analysis of the bill and what the provisions of the bill would do to chip away at b. & c. above.
- e. A request for a general exemption to the provision of the bill.

3. Some of the points to be covered are the professional handling that cases receive all down the line; the review of files for each case of reassignment, etc.; the point that although we are outside of the Civil Service framework, we attempt to generally follow the regular government personnel procedures; the low attrition rates of Agency personnel; other procedures and policies which enable us to select highly qualified and secure personnel and to maintain this type of personnel.

4. Mr. Warner suggested that the presentation be no more than one hour in length, and that possibly we could put the results of our efforts in the hands of [redacted] for his massaging in the language that Mr. Helms would normally use. Mr. Warner suggested that [redacted] in his office was the most conversive with the legislative and could be contacted by any of those present for assistance. Mr. Warner will also undertake to work on Item 4 of the basic format.

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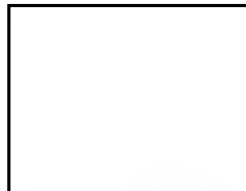
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5. Mr. Bannerman asked that [] devote practically full time to this task, if possible, and that [] contribute as much time as possible. He would like to have the basic paper in hand in the next couple of weeks in order that we may be prepared when the subject is raised by Mr. Helms.

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REMARKS:			
Please make a memo for the record of this meeting. Also follow up with each individual as to what is expected of him. Suggest you draw up a master outline of the testimony for everyone's guidance.			
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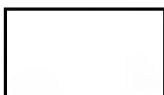
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for St



Mr. John Warner telephoned to offer help in the preparation of the Director's testimony on the Ervin Bill. He indicated that both he and Larry Houston have some ideas on the subject; and telephoned after learning from Colonel White that you have been made responsible for drafting the testimony. Mr. Warner suggested that a short discussion might be in order. I told him that you intended to focus on this matter on Friday, 16 February, and that I would mention to you his offer and suggestion of the discussion.

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